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**Response to Office Action Under 37 CFR §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on September 8, 2006, in connection with the above-identified U.S. Patent Application. A petition for a one-month extension of time is included herewith, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$120 fee therefor set by 37 C.F.R §1.17(a)(1) to PTO Deposit Account 07-0868. The period for response with a one-month extension of time expires on January 8, 2007; the response is, therefore, timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 16 of this paper.